

authority to...may issue a permit. They are the ones that are responsible in their county. If they feel it is going to cost too much money, they won't issue a permit, the same way with the state patrol, the same with the highway department, they won't do it. It says they may. So I think Senator Warner is making a mountain out of a molehill and I ask you not to vote to indefinitely postpone this bill.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I rise to support Senator Warner's motion to IPP LB 122. I think the problem with it is that it really comes as a bad time. I know in driving through the roads of this state I think we can all appreciate that we do need more road construction in this state. Unfortunately road construction costs money, and unfortunately at this time we don't have money for the type of massive road construction that needs to take place. Passing this kind of legislation only further damages the roads in the State of Nebraska. And I can't see supporting anything that does that. Now a number of different individuals have talked to me on this bill. And I guess it is supposed to be important for the beet industry in the western part of the state. I've had some problems with the logic of the whole concept, though, of LB 122 and the fact that if it really...why these individuals trucking in the beets can't make two trips. I mean all they have to do is fill up the truck half way, or however many pounds it takes, and then make a separate trip. I realize that fuel is expensive, but we have seen the cost of fuel drop. It is below \$20 a barrel in...some countries are selling for, so we've seen the price of gasoline drop, the price of diesel fuel drop, and though there is no promise that this is going to continue to be, it is that way at this present time. Then if the price of fuel pops over \$2 a gallon, I suppose we can take a look at this. But I think the amount of money that we are going to be saving the people that are trucking in these beets is minimal compared to the amount of damage that they are going to be doing to the roads in the State of Nebraska. It is unfortunate that this amendment had to be attached. I didn't really care too much for the bill in the first place, so I was happy to see that the Haberman amendment was attached so that the motion to kill it would come up. But I do rise to support the kill motion at this time. Thank you.